

Forasmuch as I haue lately scene two Letters vnder the chande of the late Lord Bishop of *Couentrie*,
and *Lichfield*, and now Lord Bishop elect of *Normich*; the one dated 22. *Septembris* 1617. and the o-
ther 6. *Novembris* following, directed to the feuerall Archdeacons, Ministers, and Churchwa-
rdens of the same Diocesse for supplying of the wants and defects of Bibles of the new and last translation,
being of the greatest letter and larger volume, as also Bookes of common prayer, in such Parishes as they
were wanting. In which busynesse his Lordship was pleased to employ this bearer *William Bramsgroue*,
who hath already taken much paines therein. And for that I haue received credible information, that
many parishes within the sayd Diocesse, are yet vnfurished of the sayd Bookes, notwithstanding strict
order by me giuen, in the late Metropoliticall Visitation, holden there for the now Lord Archbishop of
Canterbury, and since that also by the late Lord Bishop of *Couentrie* and *Lichfield*, for the prouiding there-
of. I therefore as Vicar generall to the sayd Lord Archbishop, being *Custos spiritualitatis sede vacante*, for
the better seruice of Almighty God, and edification of the people, haue thought meet to prouide for the
perfexting of that good work so well begun, and to that purpose do heereby will and require you to make
diligent inquirie, in euery parish within the sayd Diocesse, of the defect and want of the sayd Bookes; and
once more to admonish the Minister and Churchwardens of euery parish, to prouide the same with all
conuenient speed, which if they shall refuse or deterre so to doe, then forthwith to returne their names
vnto me, that it by my ordinary Iurisdiction, they will not be brought to supplie that defect and abuse,
that then by power of the Commissioners Ecclesiasticall or otherwise, they may be inforced thereunto;
wherein, God willing, I will not faile to take a strikt course, betwixt this and the beginning of Michael-
masse Terme next. And forthat I finde by experience, that the people for the most part within that Dio-
cesse, are growne into extremes, that is to say, some so prophane or otherwise so backward in religion,
that they haue no regard of comming to Church, to heare diuine Seruice and Sermons on Saboath dayes
and Holy dayes; some others so precisely curious, that they will bar his Maiesties Subiects from all law-
full recreation on those dayes, though it be after Euening Seruice and Sermon ended, it shall not be amisse
as you trauell for the dispatch of your other busynesse, that you deliuier to such Churchwardens of euery
parish, within that Diocesse for their better direction in this behalfe, this small Treatise; (*Conteining his*
Maiesties declaration to his Subiects concerning lawfull sports to be used) as shall be willing to receiue the same.
And I require you to make returne of the due execution heereof, at or before the beginning of Michael-
masse Terme next.

Giuen at London this 5. of June, 1618.



THO. RIDLEY.

To *William Bramsgroue* of the City of *Litchfield* Yeoman,
an Officer to the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, being
by me specially sent to view and furnish the defective Chur-
ches and Chappels, with such bookes as are commanded by
publike authority; and to certifie accordingly.